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Remarks:

Claims 1 - 24 were pending in the present application. Claims 13 - 24 are withdrawn. No new matter is added.

The Examiner requires restriction between the following species of invention:
Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a calcium carbonate product/pigment.
Group II, claims 13-20, and 22-24, drawn to a method of producing a coated paper.

Group III, claim 21, drawn to a coated paper product.

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1 – 12 without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request favorable action on the merits of the application.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **13-3639**.

Respectfully submitted,

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